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COOPERATIVE AND COMMUNAL ENTERPRISES GROWING

DESCRIBES ACTIVITIES -- Hospodar, No 44, 3 Nov 49

The Osvozeni Consumer Cooperative in Karlovy Vary now has 457 sales outlets and 44,428 members.

Six communal enterprises will perform the functions of the public management sector in Ostrava Kraj. The communal transportation enterprise consists of five [sic] elements: the urban railroad in Ostrava, the Ostrava - Karvinna electric and motor bus lines, the electrical lines of the Silesian Provincial Railroad and the Autoslužba (auto service) Factory. The communal construction enterprise has 21 installation and maintenance shops. The communal restaurant and cafeteria enterprise administers 40 units. The communal enterprise of various trades and business already has 47 shops and will take over 69 additional confiscated properties by the end of 1949. The communal undertaking enterprise is preparing the establishment of large-scale landscaping. The communal housing enterprise administers 800 houses. All the enterprises employ about 2,300 persons.

The Zapadoceske Konsumni Druzstvo (West Bohemian Consumer Cooperative) in Pilsen supplies bread to 60 percent of the population of Pilsen Kraj through about 700 sales outlets. It sells unrationed smoked meat in 11 sales outlets and has five special retail stores for unrationed meat. In the last week of October 1949, the bakeries of this cooperative produced 650,000 small pieces of bread.

A communal city enterprise has recently been established in Podborany. It will carry on the following functions: operation of two restaurants, gardening, an undertaking establishment, a forge, stone working, sugar milling, and administration of rental housing.

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NUMBER OF COOPERATIVE RISES -- Hospodar, No 44, 3 Nov 49

The number of consumer cooperatives in the Czech Provinces rose from 68 at the end of 1948 to 71 in June 1949, and so remained at the end of July 1949. The consumer cooperatives had 11,679 sales outlets at the end of July 1949, as compared to 7,381 at the end of 1948. Members numbered 1,421,265 at the end of July 1949, as compared to 1,140,760 at the end of 1948. The number of employees at the end of 1948 was 26,026 as compared to 39,977 at the end of July 1949. Receipts rose from 829,484,000 crowns in July 1948 to 1,913,000 crowns in July 1949. Average monthly receipts per member rose from 790.93 crowns in July 1948 to 1,388.32 crowns in July 1949. The factory shares of the consumer cooperatives amounted to 147,547,000 crowns at the end of 1948.

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